
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 07-06-21

Attendance:

Councillors: Steve Collings, Annwen Hughes, Elin W Jones, Gareth Morris Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Dafydd Owen, Edgar Owen, Roy Owen, Angela Russell, Elfed Williams and Gareth Williams

Officers:

Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head – Environment), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2021/22

RESOLVED TO ELECT COUNCILLOR ANNWEN HUGHES AS CHAIR FOR 2021/22

Councillor Elfed Williams was thanked for his work as Chair of the Committee over the past two years, and also for his support to the Licensing Sub-committees.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021/22

RESOLVED TO ELECT COUNCILLOR EDGAR OWEN AS VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021/2022

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor John Brynmor Hughes and Councillor Jason W Parry

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

5. URGENT ITEMS

- The committee took the opportunity to give official thanks for the good work being done by the Track, Trace and Protect officers
- Attention was drawn to a Member's seat that had been vacant for some time now on the Committee's Membership list. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Business Group

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 15 March 2021 as a true record.

7. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Accepted, for information, the minutes of the Sub-committees held on 23 February and 27 April 2021.

8. APPROVAL TO COMMENCE A STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT STATEMENT OF POLICY – LICENSING ACT 2003

Submitted – a report by the Licensing Manager highlighting the need to commence a statutory consultation on a draft statement of policy of the Licensing Act 2003. Members were reminded of the statutory requirement on all Licensing Authorities to review their policy every five years and amend it as required. She added that Gwynedd Council Licensing Authority's current policy had been approved at a Full Council meeting in December 2015.

She referred to the new draft policy and drew attention to the minor changes made to the current policy. She also referred to the role of Public Health Wales and the Health Board in the process of policy-forming and responding to applications for a premises licence.

Proposed and seconded – to approve the recommendation

In response to a question about receiving minutes of officers' meetings across North Wales, it was noted that since these meetings were taking place weekly and that 90% of the discussion revolved around Covid-19 regulations, there were no written minutes of these meetings available.

RESOLVED

- 1. To approve commencement of the statutory consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.**
- 2. At the end of the consultation period a report shall be submitted to this committee outlining the responses received. Any concerns raised about the new draft policy will be considered and changes will be made to the policy as required.**
- 3. Upon approval from this committee following the consultation, the new policy will be submitted to the Full Council to consider; for a decision.**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.25am